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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM FROLINAT

REF: LAGOS 9009 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER WE RECEIVED AT 1330
LOCAL TIME (1230Z) JULY 25:

THE AMERICAN CONSULATE - KADUNA

SIR,

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WE BEG YOU TO TRANSMIT THIS COMMUNICATION IN YOUR
COUNTRY BEING THE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE IN THIS COUNTRY;
TO ALLOW TRANSMIT THIS INFORMATION TO THE HEARING OF
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THROUGH THE AMERICAN RADIO.
THAT THE ARMED FORCE HAS REFUTED THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT
INFORMATION AND ALSO REFUTED THE INFORMATION GIVEN
BY THE FRENCH RADIO. SIR, HERE IS THE EXACT AND CLEAR

INFORMATION:

ON THE 2ND OF JULY, IN AN AMBUSH AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS, THE BRAVE FIGHTERS OF THE THIRD ARMY OF FROLINAT, AND THE HEROIQUE ARMY OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMY, HAVE SHOWN THEIR COURAGE AGAINST THE SO CALLED NATIONAL ARMY WHO ARE SUPPORTED BY SIX HELICOPTERS AND THREE JAGUAR BOMBERS PILOTED BY SOME FRENCH MILITIA.

THE FIGHT TOOK PLACE AT BADARUN (SP?), A SMALL VILLAGE SITUATED AROUND FIVE KILOMETERS DE LIWA P.A. THE FIGHT LASTED TWO AND A HALF HOURS UNDER THE HIGH DIRECTION OF THE CHIEF ARMY STAFF MR. IDRIS ADAM MISTAPHE.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENEMY: ONE HELICOPTER DESTROYED, 100 SOLDIERS KILLED, 60 WOUNDED, 80 CAPTURED MANY AMMUNITIONS CAPTURED.

THE THIRD ARMY OF FROLINAT: 7 KILLED OF WHICH TWO WERE CIVILIANS AND TWELVE INJURED.

MR. CONSULATE SIR, THE AFOREMENTIONED IS THE EXACT INFORMATION WITHOUT ANY ELEMENTS OF EXAGERATION TO MAKE THE NEWS ATTRACTIVE AND WITHOUT ANY ELEMENT REMOVED; THIS IS THE REAL SITUATION.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL
COMM (LINED OUT) POPULAR COMMITTEE OF THE REVOLUTION
MR. M. B. D.
YOURS FAITHFUL
(SIGNATURE INDECIPHERABLE)
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MR. M.B.D.

2. THE LETTER IS ON FROLINAT STATIONERY "FRONT DE LIBERATION NATIONALE DU TCHAD, CONSEIL DE COMMANDEMENT DES FORCES ARMEES OCFDENTALES (SIC)". IT IS DATED 25/7/1978 AND IS LETTER NUMBER 00027. THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE LETTERHEAD IS IN ARABIC WITH THE JULIAN DATE WRITTEN IN ARABIC. WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE FROLINAT SEAL IS ON THE LOWER LEFT HAND CORNER OF THE LETTER. THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN BY HAND, AND THE HANDWRITING APPEARS TO BE THAT OF AN EDUCATED MAN.

3. LETTER WAS HANDED TO CONSULATE GUARD BY TWO MEN WHO DID NOT IDENTIFY THEMSELVES. THEY FIRST ASKED TO SEE THE CONSUL, AND, WHEN INFORMED THAT HE WAS NOT IN THE OFFICE, THEY ASKED THAT THE LETTER BE DELIVERED TO HIM, AND STATED THAT THEY WOULD RETURN TO TALK TO HIM. THE JANITOR SAID HE BELIEVED THEY WERE CHADIANS, SPOKE ARABIC TO HIM, AND WORE TRADITIONAL ARABIC ROBES.

4. LETTER AND ENVELOPE (UNADDRESSED) ARE BEING POUCHED TO AF/C.

5. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS IN PAST THAT FROLINAT THIRD ARMY OPERATES IN THE LAKE CHAD AREA OF BORNO STATE AND WE ASSUME REPRESENTATIVES MAY ACTUALLY BE RESIDENT IN NIGERIA.

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE WASHINGTON CAN PROVIDE CONCERNING THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO FROLINAT REPRESENTATIVES, IF THEY RETURN.

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